

Skill Development Programme on IFS Organized by ICAR-NAARM, Anantapuramu, AP

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ICAR- National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad organized three days skill development training on “Integrated Farming System- climate smart dryland technologies” under SCSP in collaboration with Agricultural Research Station, ANGRAU, Anantapuramu, Andhra Pradesh for SC farmers from 11-13th August 2023. A total of 60 men and women farmers from the most weather vulnerable mandals (Kuderu and Atmakur) of Anantapuramu district were trained on the aspects of conservation agriculture, Integrated nutrient and pest management, livestock production most importantly weather based farming practices.

In the inaugural programme Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM, highlighted the importance of IFS in agricultural production for promoting economic, social and environmental well-being. He also stated that by integrating various agricultural components farmers can create resilient and efficient farm systems that benefit both the farm household and the larger community. He urged women farmers to form into groups and start their own business like vermicomposting, millet value addition etc. which can significantly contribute to boost the rural economy. Further, he interacted with the BSc Agriculture students and encouraged them to pursue higher education as well as the business opportunities in agriculture and related fields.

Dr. B. Sahadeva Reddy, Principal Scientist and Head, ARS, Anantapur emphasized the significance of integrated farming practises for rainfed farming in the context of climate change. Dr. K. Subramanyam, Dryland Horticulture Scientist, Dr. H. Srinivas Naik, Livestock Research Scientist, Dr. Maddileti, PD – ATMA-Anantapur also participated in the inaugural programme and interacted with the farmers.

Dr P Supriya, Scientist, ICAR-NAARM gave an overview of the training programme and SC Subplan activities by ICAR-NAARM. Earlier, the programme started with the welcome of participants by Dr. K.C. Nataraj, Soil Scientist, ARS, Anantapur.

